

DEWI NUSANTARA

Ambon, Historic Banda, the Forgotten Islands and Alor

Ambon to Kalabahi | Laha (Ambon), Nusa Laut, The Historic Banda Islands and more

The Banda Sea plunges to staggering depths, and the Banda Islands sit on an underwater mountain range, with the elusive and dazzling mandarin fish around the volcano of Gunung Api.

On the remote outcrop beyond, dramatic drop-offs, sheer walls and vibrant coral gardens flourish in crystal-clear water, with majestic hammerhead sharks.

The Lease Islands have steep slopes lined with soft corals, giant sea fans and towering sponges, with reef sharks and turtles gliding by.

In the Forgotten Islands there are vast schools of bumphead parrotfish and swirling clouds of big-eye trevallies, and even whale sharks make ghostly appearances.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Ambon	Kalabahi	Certified divers







Your route

Areas are shown in the order visited. Sites and dives change with the weather, the sea conditions and the captain's decisions.

STOP 1

Laha (Ambon)

Not far from Ambon airport, along the northern shore of the Ambon Inlet, the village of Laha is renowned for hosting some of the most extraordinary muck diving sites in the world.
Most of the dive points are clustered fairly close together, with names such as Middle Point, Mandarin City, Rhino City, and the one that started it all, the aptly named Twilight Zone.
Dive sites include Duke of Sparta, Ambon City, Ambon Airport.

STOP 2

Nusa Laut

Nusa Laut, the easternmost jewel in the Lease Islands archipelago, which also includes Saparua, Haruku, and Ambon, offers an unspoiled paradise both above and below the sea's surface.
The island's landscape is lush with a high-rising interior, fringed by picturesque bays and dotted with small fishing villages that exude charm and tranquillity.
Dive sites include Ameth Slope, Nahalia Slope, Amed, Nahalia Village, Ameth Village, Akon Arch.

STOP 3

The Historic Banda Islands

A Timeless Treasure in the Banda Sea.
Far out in the remote reaches of the vast Banda Sea, south of the huge landmass of Ceram, lies a small island group steeped in history and natural wonder, the Banda Islands.
These islands, once the epicentre of the global spice trade, Dive sites include The Banda Islands.

STOP 4

Run and Suanggi

Diving around the breathtaking island of Run and its smaller, remote neighbour, Suanggi, offers an extraordinary underwater adventure that seamlessly blends history, natural beauty, and exhilarating marine encounters.
Located in the northern reaches of the Banda Sea over 100 nautical miles south-east of Ambon, Suanggi is a rugged, rocky outpost that stands as a gateway to the Banda Islands.
Dive sites include Lailaka Wall, Suanggi Seamount, Suanggi Ridge, Suanggi Slope, Run Village, Tanjung Noret.

STOP 5

Banda Neira

During our time in the Banda Islands, Dewi Nusantara has explored the outer island of Hatta and the magnificent reef plateau of Skaru.
Now, it's time to venture into the heart of this stunning archipelago.
A variety of diverse dive sites await, beginning with the remarkable critter dive at Mandarin Hotel.
Dive sites include Batu Kapal, Lava Flow, Pohon Miring.

STOP 6

Hatta and Skaru Reef

Located just over 10 nautical miles south-east of the central harbour of the Banda Islands at Banda Neira, Hatta Island offers scuba divers an unparalleled underwater adventure.
With its crystal-clear waters and an abundance of marine life, the island is a haven for divers seeking both beauty and biodiversity beneath the surface.
Dive sites include Hatta Arch, Hammers Head, Skaru Ridge, Skaru Wall, Barat Corner, Hammer Point.

STOP 7

Manuk Volcano

The BBC wildlife documentary "Island of the Snakes" brought global attention to Manuk's mysterious volcanic island, a place as captivating as it is remote.
As dawn breaks and a yacht approaches its rugged shores, the air grows thick with the unmistakable scent of sulphur, a tell-tale sign of the island's ongoing geothermal activity.
Dive sites include Coconut Point, Snake Pit, Eigth Wonder, Warm Sand, Twin Ridge, Bubble Reef.

STOP 8

Serua and Kekeh

Serua Island, sometimes marked as Legatala on maritime charts, rises dramatically from the depths of the Banda Sea near the eastern tip of the Damar Ridge.
This remote volcanic island, standing over 600 metres tall, is a captivating fusion of rugged terrain, verdant forests, and deep sapphire waters.
Dive sites include Hammer Ridge, Paisley Park, Dive Site Right, Rockface, Chasm, Mamas Rock.

STOP 9

Nila Island and Offshore Reefs

Perched majestically atop the Damar Ridge, Nila is a breathtaking volcanic island in the heart of the Forgotten Islands.
Its rugged picturesque coastline is a haven for adventure-seekers, offering pristine shallow coral reefs perfect for snorkelling and diving.
These vibrant reefs teem with marine life, providing an underwater spectacle of dazzling corals and tropical fish.
Dive sites include Nil Desperandum, Griffin East, Desperado, Dusborgh East, Dusborgh Lagoon, Due South.

STOP 10

The Damar Group

The Damar Island Group, the next stop on Dewi Nusantara's exploration of the remote Forgotten Islands, offers scuba divers an unparalleled opportunity to explore some of the world's most pristine marine ecosystems.
Its isolation has preserved vast, thriving coral formations, creating an underwater paradise teeming with marine life.
Dive sites include Harbour Hook, West Bay, East Nusleur, Bomb Ridge, Coral Stack, West Wall.

STOP 11

The Telang Island Group

Just east of Romang lies a stunning cluster of islands known as the Telang Group, a wonderfully scenic stop along Dewi Nusantara's navigation of the Forgotten Islands.
This picturesque archipelago, comprising Telang, Pulau Laut, Limtutu, and Kital, encircles a serene anchorage seascape, offering a perfect blend of watersports, astonishing white-sand beaches, and world-class scuba diving.
Dive sites include Crystal Palace, Silver Banks, Tanjung Limtutu, Saddleback, Beach Reef, Maopura Utara.

STOP 12

Nyata

The relatively small island of Nyata, situated just under four nautical miles from the north-west coastline of the much larger Romang Island, is one of the most exhilarating diving destinations in the region.
Offering some spectacular scuba diving experiences, this hidden gem rises nearly 300 metres above sea level.
Dive sites include Tanjung Utara, Grouper Arch, Lighthouse Wall, Avalanche, Korner Kut, Tanjung Selatan.

STOP 13

Reong

The majestic island of Reong rises dramatically from the sea, positioned just across a current-swept channel off the north-west corner of Wetar Island.
Enveloped by breathtaking coral reefs that plunge into deep waters mere metres from the shoreline, its northern cliffs soar over 200 metres, creating a striking natural spectacle.
Dive sites include Crack Cove, Reong Wall, Expresso, West Point, Wetar Beach, Tanjung.

STOP 14

The Alor-Pantar Strait

The strait between Alor and Pantar, the final two islands along the East Nusa Tenggara chain, is a premier destination for experienced scuba divers seeking unspoiled marine biodiversity.
This remote and ecologically rich region is home to some of the most pristine dive sites in the world, featuring vibrant coral reefs, dramatic underwater topography, and an exceptional variety of marine life.
Dive sites include Tanjung Muna, Cave Point, Crocodile Rock, Babylon, Frenchman's Window, Pak Yan's Village Backyard/Boardroom.

STOP 15

The Kalabahi Inlet

Indonesia is home to some of the world's most extraordinary muck and critter diving destinations, making it a must-visit for enthusiasts of bizarre and fascinating marine life.
While the Lembeh Strait is where muck diving first gained fame, this unique style of diving has since spread across Indonesia, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea.
Dive sites include Pertamina Pier, Has Been, Alami House Reef, Mini Wall, Mucky Mosque, Pancoran.







ROUTE MAP

Your route



GOOD TO KNOW

Cruise notes

Flexible itineraries

Our cruise routes are intentionally adaptable. Throughout the journey, the captain and cruise director continuously assess sea conditions, weather, and tides to ensure the best possible experience.

More than is listed

The locations featured in these itineraries represent only a portion of what's possible. Numerous additional anchorages and activity options are available along the way, making each voyage truly unique.

Extended stays

If a particular anchorage offers exceptional experiences, guests may opt to linger a bit longer.

Overnight passages

To maximize daylight hours at our most spectacular destinations, longer transits between anchorages are typically conducted overnight.

Away from the crowds

With the exception of embarkation and disembarkation points, our itineraries are carefully crafted to avoid congested areas and busy commercial ports, allowing for a more tranquil and immersive experience.

Beyond the dive

Many of our anchorages offer more than just diving and snorkelling. Guests can enjoy kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and occasional visits to local villages and cultural sites — adding even more richness to the journey.